

United States District Court
Eastern District of Michigan

United States of America

v.

Peter Flores /

Defendant

ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

Case Number: 08-30102

In accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. §3142(f), a detention hearing has been held. I conclude that the following facts require the detention of the defendant pending trial in this case.

Part I – Findings of Fact

- ✓ (1) I find that:
- ✓ there is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense
 - ✓ for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in 21 U.S.C. § 841 or 846;
 - ☐ under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).

☐ (2) I further find that the defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community.

Alternative Findings

✓ I find that the government has established by a preponderance of the evidence that there is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.

☐ I find that the government has established by clear and convincing evidence that there is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

Part II – Written Statement of Reasons for Detention

✓ I find that the credible testimony and information submitted at the hearing established the following factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g):

- ✓ (a) nature of the offense - Large scale drug distribution conspiracy (>1000 kgmj).
- ✓ (b) weight of the evidence - Indictment establishes probable cause.
- ✓ (c) history and characteristics of the defendant - Many contacts with criminal justice system involving physical violence and weapons, but not resulting in conviction. History of FTA
 - ☐ physical and mental condition -
 - ✓ 2) employment, financial, family ties - Habitual drug abuser (cocaine). No family or property contacts with Eastern District of Michigan or charging district.
 - ✓ 3) criminal history and record of appearance - One felony firearm conviction and one pending felony case in New Jersey.
- ☐ (d) probation, parole or bond at time of the alleged offense -
- ✓ (e) danger to another person or community -

Defendant and his spouse allege that they engage in real estate investments as a livelihood. I am skeptical of that claim as investment in commonly declared as an income source by narcotics dealers. In the absence of corroborating evidence and tax returns, I would discount the employment claims. Defendant is now charged in two states other than his state of residence. He has a history of alias identities and failure to appear. I do not view his spouse as a suitable 3rd party custodian.

Part III – Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

Date: March 3, 2008

s/Donald A. Scheer

Signature of Judge

Donald A. Scheer, United States Magistrate Judge

Name and Title of Judge